Augmentation of vigilance and security of seaways

†1267. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to take steps to augment the vigilance and security of seaways adjoining sea border of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and names of the routes on which there is necessity to increase vigilance?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) India's coastal waters are guarded by the Indian Coast Guard and Indian Navy in coordination with the State Police. The security and surveillance apparatus in India's territorial waters and exclusive economic zone has been enhanced substantially over the years. The improvement of such an apparatus, based on felt needs, is an on-going process.

Development of ECM and RCM by BEL

1268. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) was asked to develop Air Borne Com Jam System (ECM) and Radar Communication Jammer;

(b) if so, the status of development and investment made for the same; and

(c) whether production has started and the present order book position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir

(b) BEL has developed Air Borne Com ECM System for demonstration to IAF. About Rs. 2.5 Crores investment was made for the same by BEL through its own fund.

(c) There are no orders on BEL for the same and hence question does not arise.

Cost and delivery schedule of Admiral Gorshkov

1269. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has contacted Russia for procurement of the latter's decommissioned warship Admiral Gorshkov after renovating and modernizing;

(b) whether the contract included cost and delivery schedule to be adhered by Russia;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Russia have failed on both these conditions;

(e) if so, the present status of the contract indicating revisions in the conditions, if any mutually agreed between the procurer and supplier; and

(f) the reasons of agreeing to such revision by Government of India?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (f) Contracts and supplementary agreements comprising of repair and re-equipping, logistics supports, shore infrastructure, training of ships' crew, repair and technical documents etc. were signed with Russia on 20th January, 2004 for acquisition of "Admiral Gorshokov" with delivery scheduled in August, 2008. The cost of repair and modernization of Admiral Gorshkov including Logistic Support, Training and documentation is US Dollar 974 million. It is, however, apprehended that delay may take place in the delivery of the ship.

The existing contract with Russia is still valid. The process of examination of the scope and necessity for additional works projected by the Russian side has been initiated.

Shortfall in intake in IMA

1270. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been shortfalls of 40 to 60 cadets per batch in the intake of Indian Military Academy (IMA) at Dehradun and whether this indicates that eligible youths in the country look for opportunities in other sectors than defence;

(b) whether Indian officers at the level of Brigadiers and Lt. Generals earn just half of what their counterpart in Pakistan get; and

(c) whether because of this low pay parity, Government faces the problem of acute deficiency in the ranks of Majors deployed in counter insurgency operations?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) There have been shortfalls in the intake of cadets in Indian Military Academy (IMA) (DE) at Dehradun. The shortfall in recruitment of officers in the services can be partly attributed to the change in the socio-economic environment, the change in career preferences and availability of employment opportunities in other sectors.

(b) No comparison of pay and allowances of Brigadiers and Lt. Generals of Indian Army has been made with that of their counterparts in Pakistan.

(c) There is deficiency of officers in the ranks of Lt. Col. and below and is spread across all formations.

Increasing rate of attrition in DRDO

1271. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attrition rate when compared with the rate in 2000 is increasing in DRDO;

(b) if not, the details of attrition rate, year-wise;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to attract talent particularly the NRI scientists and freshers from the campuses;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether any measures are being contemplated to introduce performance based incentive packaged to DRDO; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In Defence